Acquisition of lands near the new High Court Buildings.

50. *MR. G. VELU PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have any proposal at present to acquire any land on any of the sides of the New High Court buildings; and

(*b*) if so, on which sides and the extent of the land proposed to be acquired ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 36 cents on the northern side and 160 cents on the southern side.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know the extent of the land to be acquired additionally ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Three and a half acres on the whole.

Appendix I.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 45.**

Total number of documents registered till the end of Meenam 1118 in each Registration District.

Quilon	...	177832
Trivandrum	...	197610
Kottayam	...	94007

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT REGARDING THE PROCEDURE FOR DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET.

PRESIDENT : Under Rule 69, the debate on the budget will begin with a general discussion and be followed by the voting of demands for grants. Two days have been allotted for the general discussion and the maximum of seven days has been set apart for the voting of demands for grants. The Demands will be taken up in the order in which they are printed in the list of Demands, copy of which has been already furnished to honourable members. The Demands under II Land Revenue and Taxes on Income and VII Public Works may each be discussed for one whole day ; and not more than half a day will be allotted for each of the remaining demands.

Every member, other than the Financial Secretary, will be allowed during the general discussion stage, not more than *fifteen minutes* as usual. But I hope honourable members will, while not unduly restraining themselves, allow as many non-official members as possible to participate in the discussion and also render it possible to give the Government members adequate time for reply.

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[President]

I find on scrutiny of the names furnished by the Secretary that there are 23 members of the United Party, 10 members in the National Congress Party, 10 members in the Progressive Party, and 18 members who belong to no party. My endeavour will be as far as possible to give the members of these parties in proportion to their numbers, opportunity for speaking. Roughly speaking 11 members of the United Party, 5 members of the National Congress Party, 5 members of the Progressive Party and 8 members of No Party, will be allowed to take part in the general discussion of the Budget. This is, of course, subject to the undertaking I have given yesterday, namely, that those who have given notice of adjournment motions will be given an opportunity to speak. I shall be glad if honourable members of each party who wish to speak will kindly give their list to the Secretary sufficiently early so that they may be called up as they stand and catch the eye of the President.

When voting on the Demands for grants, every member and the official member who has the right of reply will be allowed ten minutes each and the other members five minutes each. Standing Order No. 59 requires notice of every motion to be given to the Secretary two clear days before the day on which the demand comes up for considerations. Late motions will not be accepted. It will facilitate business if honourable members giving notice of token motions which can most conveniently be for a reduction of one rupee will also specify the purpose underlying the proposed cut and take care to see that the cut motions are confined to amounts entirely votable.

In this connection I may also invite the attention of honourable members to my predecessor's ruling regarding budget motions, given on the 30th of July 1935, reported on pages 705 to 707 of Volume VI of the Proceedings of the Sri Mulam Assembly.

For calculating the number of hours to be allotted for the voting of demands, a day will be taken as from 12 noon to 6 P. M. One hour being available for question time, and another hour (2 to 3 P. M.) as lunch interval, the remaining four hours will be treated as one full day and two hours as half a day. If the whole of the first hour is not taken up for questions and answers, the time left over will be available for the voting of demands for grants. Such available time will not go to increase the time allotted to any particular Demand but will be available to the House and thus enable them to reach more demands.

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT RE: INFLATION AND LAND TAX.

Before the general discussion begins, I find there are four or five points which need further elucidation so that honourable members who take part in the general discussion of the Budget Estimate and in the voting on Demands for Grants will value exactly the position of Government.

In the first place, I have to make a preliminary observation necessitated by reason of what took place yesterday. I find, as things

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